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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: BENEKE et al.
For: PLUG-IN CONNECTOR MODULE

Enclosed are the following:

- ☐ Letter: SUBMISSION OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION
- ☒ Specification 4 pages; Claims 1 page; Abstract 1 page
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Sheet(s) of drawings 4 pages
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to: HARTING Electric GmbH & Co. KG
- ☒ A certified copy of German application No. 202 14 132.2, filed September 12, 2002
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 by way of German patent application No. 202 14 132.2 filed September 12, 2002.

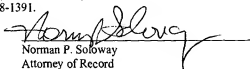
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